

BEREIRANDERS of kamigawa

PLAYER'S GUIDE

KONDA'S CRIME REVEALED

The daimyo Takeshi Konda ruled Towabara benevolently for many decades, and his people prospered—until the Kami War began.

More than twenty years before the Kami War began, Konda became aware of his own mortality. He had built an empire from nothing, yet he had no heir, no successor who could sustain his rule. Konda couldn't live with the notion that he would grow old and his glorious rule would end, for he believed that without him his people would suffer. He sought answers from Kamigawa's oldest sages and wisest clerics.

Two years passed. His daughter Michiko—his only child and heir—was born, and those close to Konda noticed a change in him shortly thereafter. He stopped addressing his people, instead closing himself off in the highest chambers of Eiganjo Castle. The trusted few who had personal audiences with Konda noticed more disturbing changes: his manner had become unfocused,

distant, even paranoid—a far cry from the charismatic man who had once united thousands under his banner.

Michiko's mother had died in childbirth, and Michiko never knew her father as anything but a distant, mistrustful recluse. In Konda's absence, Lady Pearl-Ear—one of the daimyo's most trusted *kitsune* advisors—raised Michiko as though she were her own. Under Pearl-Ear's loving care, Michiko grew into a capable and honorable young woman. As she matured, she grew more and more concerned with the safety of Towabara's people and increasingly disturbed by her father's apparent inaction. Konda's generals seemed all too willing to wage war but unwilling to seek the source of the kami's ire.

Illustrations by Daren Bader and Wayne Reynold Something else weighed on Michiko, something Konda's retainers dared not speak of. Her father was well past his seventieth year, but he seemed not to have aged a day since her birth. It was as though her existence had somehow stopped his passage into old age. Against her father's orders, Michiko left Eiganjo in secret, determined to discover for herself the cause of the great war and her father's isolation.

Meanwhile, deep in Takenuma Swamp, an impetuous *ochimusha* named Toshiro Umezawa found himself in a perilous predicament. He had tried to muscle in on a *nezumi* raid only to find that the nezumi served powerful *soratami* masters. Toshiro soon found himself fleeing the swamp city of Numai, trying to escape the wrath of the mysterious moonfolk interlopers.



While Toshiro traveled high into the Sokenzan Mountains to seek the help of his oath-brother Hidetsugu, the fearsome ogre-mage, Michiko ventured deep into Jukai Forest. As if by fate, they were simultaneously trapped in one of Toshiro's cave hideouts. Both were being hunted—Toshiro by the soratami, Michiko by the *orochi*, and both by the great Myojin of Life's Web. It was then that a small, strange little kami appeared in the shape of a cherubic man: the Kami of the Crescent Moon.

The mischievous kami seemed to have designs of its own, and those plans involved getting Michiko and Toshiro out of their predicament. To convince them of its sincerity, the Crescent Moon revealed to Michiko the knowledge she had long sought: the cause of the Kami War.

The Crescent Moon granted Michiko a vision of the night of her birth, the night her mother died. Her mind's eye flew across the city, to high atop Eiganjo Castle, where she saw her father, Takeshi Konda, standing transfixed, reaching out for an unseen object. With him were his trusted general Takeno, a Minamo *jushi*, and an unknown soratami noble. All seemed to be engrossed in an arcane ritual.

Then the Crescent Moon showed Michiko the *kakuriyo* itself, the realm of the kami. She saw there what it was her father was reaching for: a coalescence of energy—disk-shaped, pulsing, alive. With sorcery and the force of his own spirit, Konda pulled it through the rift that the ritual had created between the two worlds. He had given a kami shape, and then pulled that shape out of the spirit realm and into his own possession. He had kidnapped a god.

As she saw this crime in her vision, Michiko witnessed an event even more troubling. When the strange, sacred stone disk was taken from the kakuriyo, something awakened—something serpentine, ancient, and unimaginably vast. Its many eyes appeared as fiery suns in the realm of the kami, and its furious roar transcended sound, sending a shock wave through both its world and hers.

This was the cause of the Kami War. A precious kami had been stolen from the spirit realm, and all kami had been thrown into chaos and rage by its absence. As Michiko and Toshiro would discover, That Which Was Taken was not just any kami. It was the core and child of the *O-Kagachi*, the Great Old Serpent, the kami of all things. It was the scion of the first kami.

What Michiko had yet to discover, though,



was how her own existence was inextricably linked to the imprisoned god-child's. Even as Michiko struggled to understand her father's crime, greater menaces threatened Kamigawa. As she and Toshiro learned the depths of the soratami's manipulations at Minamo, the gravest menace Kamigawa had ever known slowly made its way toward Eiganjo, toward its stolen child. The O-Kagachi itself, the kami of all things, was preparing to consume the world.

Illustrations by Adam Rex and Kev Walker



Toshiro Umezawa

Dishonored warrior. *Ochimusha*. Much to his chagrin, the word fit Toshiro Umezawa perfectly. His *samurai* family had once been in good standing, and his grandfather had been a respected *bushi*. But by the time Toshiro came of age, his grandfather's bones lay forgotten at Shizo. His family name disgraced, Toshiro had learned to live by his wits, squatting in a decrepit manor near Numai, the city in the swamp.

Fortunately, living by his wits suited Toshiro just fine. Over the course of many years in Takenuma Swamp, he picked up many useful survival skills: swordsmanship, thievery, stealth, and something a little

more unique—*kanji* magic. Toshi learned the nearly forgotten art of crafting spells through the drawing of kanji, often with his trusty *jitte*.

Toshi's arrogance was well justified. He was an able bushi, a talented sorcerer, and a charismatic charmer. He was also pivotal in the Kami War. Toshi's ambition and resourcefulness led him right into the path of Michiko Konda and the infamous Kami of the Crescent Moon. Only through his everchanging allegiance to the Myojin of Night's Reach did he live to tell the tale.

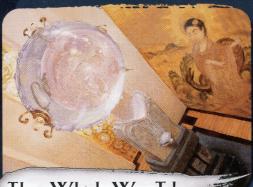
Toshiro's most powerful and terrifying ally was Hidetsugu, the infamous ogre-mage who controlled Shinka Keep. Hidetsugu, recognizing Toshi's remarkable resourcefulness when he was still very young, made a blood oath with the ochimusha that each would avenge the other in the event of their deaths. Over time, more and more warriors took this oath and became a legendary brotherhood known as the Hyozan Reckoners. Each member pledged to avenge any wrong done to another Hyozan: "We are free, bound only to each other. My life is yours, yours is mine. Harm one, harm all. The survivors must avenge. Whatever is taken from the Hyozan, the Hyozan recovers tenfold."



Hidetsugu, Warden of Shinka

When Toshiro called in a favor, Hidetsugu granted

the ochimusha the aid of his most prized apprentice. When that apprentice was killed in a cowardly manner by a young Minamo jushi, Hidetsugu went mad with desire for revenge. He swore to kill not only the jushi but also those who ordered and sanctioned the murder. His hunger for vengeance would take him to the halls of Minamo and beyond, even to the heights of Oboro Palace. Thus Hidetsugu came to be known as the Scourge of Minamo.



That Which Was Taken

This simple object, this god-child held inside a disk, was the sole cause of the Kami War. Seeking everlasting prosperity and power for his people, the daimyo Takeshi Konda reached into the sacred *reikai*, distilled the essence of a kami, and claimed it for his own. This act cost him most of his *ki* and perhaps all of his honor, but in return it granted him immortality, boundless power, and invulnerability to the kami's wrath.

However, Konda failed to see how much his crime would disrupt the balance between kakuriyo and *utsushiyo*. His action awoke O-Kagachi, the most ancient kami of all things, the kami of which all kami are only a part. The veil between worlds stretched thin as O-Kagachi thrashed wildly in the spirit world, blindly raging at the loss of its child. Even the great *myojin* could

only try to manipulate events to minimize O-Kagachi's fury, hoping to buy time until someone could relieve Konda of his ill-gotten burden.

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Who would guess that the most feared *ninja* on Kamigawa started as a lowly nezumi sneak? Ink-Eyes was ostracized by the Okiba Gang at a young age. She was the cruelest child in a cruel society, almost sociopathic in her desire to dominate her peers. As punishment, she was taken deep into Takenuma and left to fend for herself.

It wasn't long before Ink-Eyes was caught stealing from an ogre hermit near a desecrated temple. The ogre saw the ruthless nezumi girl's potential and decided to take her in as his student, hinting at the great power she could wield as a *kishinsuhaisha*—a demon servant.

Ink-Eyes learned the ways of *ninjutsu*, not through tutelage but through arcane study and solitary practice. When she believed herself ready, she murdered her ogre mentor in his sleep and offered his blood to their *oni* overlord. The oni was pleased with her treachery and ambition and augmented Ink-Eyes's ninjutsu training with unique necromantic powers. While other ninja might steal information or even lives, Ink-Eyes was granted the power to steal the dead, turning them into fellow servants for her oni master.

The Patron Kami

The schism between the kakuriyo and utsushiyo during the Kami War was not as clear or simple as the history books would have you believe. Throughout the great struggle, there were always those whose faith in the kami lingered, who thought that the way to appease the anger of the gods was not to fight them but to revere them all the more.

Before the massacre at Reito, every sentient race on Kamigawa had a patron kami—a great spirit that represented the collective consciousness of the entire species. These patron kami were honored and prayed to for their guidance. Eight-and-a-Half-Tails himself was said to have had audiences with the patron kami of the kitsune.

During the Kami War, the races of Kamigawa were terrified to see their furious patrons' colossal forms, and most treated them as monsters. But a few decided that the way to peace was to appease the monstrous kami. Independently, among each tribe, small groups arose that offered living sacrifices to the raging patrons. And these sacrifices kept the kami pacified—for a time.



Oyobi, Who Split the Heavens

Konda's samurai were the mightiest in Kamigawa. Before the Kami War began in earnest, a single rank of Konda's elite *hatamoto* could take on three times as many foes. They ruled the ground on horseback, and they ruled the air on their giant moth steeds. But the day came when Konda was to learn a lesson in humility.

Three months before the slaughter at Reito, a strange net of feathers and sinew began to appear in the sky above the edge of Jukai Forest. When reports of this phenomenon reached Eiganjo, Konda sent a flight of elite samurai mothriders to deal with the potential threat. After all, Jukai's treeline was Towabara's border, and kami or no, Konda made a point of quelling all border skirmishes.

The great kami Oyobi manifested fully just as the mothriders approached. They were awestruck by its enormity—it resembled a giant eagle, but with gossamer ribbons and feathers for a body. It seemed to float above Jukai, majestic and beautiful. But as the mothriders approached, the clouds parted, and from the rift above Oyobi descended countless huge bird-like kami. In a matter of minutes, every last samurai had been toppled from his mount, plummeting into the forest below.

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MISTBLADE SHINOBI TELLS ALL

To answer your questions about ninja and ninjutsu, we sent the Magic® game's creative director, Brady Dommermuth, to the source: a ninja from Kamigawa, Mistblade Shinobi.

> Brady Dommermuth: Let's start with the basics. What is ninjutsu? What's a ninja?

Mistblade Shinobi: "Ninjutsu" means "the way of stealth" in Japanese. It's a collection of methods and tricks to go undetected, to survive, to assassinate. A "ninja" is either a simple sneak, or one who practices ninjutsu.

BD: What's the deal with ninjutsu in Kamigawa?

MS: While all these daimyo and samurai were trying to handle their problems "honorably," they needed someone to do their dirty work. That's where ninjutsu comes in. It's like the opposite of *bushido*. Bushido is about honor and reputation and ceremony. Ninjutsu is about efficiency, working behind the scenes, getting things done whatever the cost. So the honorable caste would secretly hire ninja to do their spying and assassinations for them.

BD: Is it true that ninja have supernatural arcane powers?

MS: That's for me to know and you to find out!

BD: Okay. What about the mechanical angle? How does ninjutsu work within the Magic game?

MS: The ability represents another creature creating a diversion so I can get behind enemy lines and do my deadly business. I replace the attacking creature, since that creature's role was more of decoy than attacker. The ability does *not* represent me disguising myself as a bird or any other creature.

BD: Can you tell us why there are no white, green, or red ninja in Kamigawa?

MS: Isn't it obvious? Blue is the color of spying, manipulation, deceit, and so on, so blue gets the sneaky human ninja spies. And black is all about power and death, so black gets the nasty rat ninja with destructive abilities. The other colors just aren't sneaky or ruthless enough to get their own ninja.

BD: What's that thing you're swinging?

MS: That's my mistblade. It's a blade on the end of a magical cord, and the whole thing is enchanted so that when it hits someone, they're returned to the Æther.

BD: Fascinating. Would you describe some other ninja weapons for us?

MS: Well, first there's the *shuriken*. Some people call them throwing stars, but they're not always star shaped. They can be thin darts, blades, or caltrops, and they aren't normally used to kill people. Usually ninja throw them to cover their escape, distract the enemy, or maybe do a little damage. But these particular ones are special. They *are* for killing.

BD: What about these claws?

MS: There are several kinds of claws. First, there's *shuko*, sometimes called "climbing claws." They can also be used as a weapon in a pinch. If I wear them and cross my hands like this [crosses hands above head], I can catch a blade with them. That's a difficult trick. The other claws are *neko-te*, which means "cat claws." They're used to inflict poisonous wounds.

BD: And this blinding powder?

MS: Do you really want to know? If I want to do my "ninja vanishing" trick, I just take this thing full of pepper and metal dust, blow it *into your face*, and [blows] . . .

BD: MY EYES! THE BURNING! OW! OW!

MS: So long, gaijin.

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A KAMIGAWA GLOSSARY, PART 2



People

Below are the meanings and pronunciations of some words you'll encounter in the *Betrayers of Kamigawa*TM expansion. For more meanings and pronunciations, consult the *Champions of Kamigawa*TM player's guide.

Azamuki (ah-zah-MOO-kee) A kami of treachery residing in the body of a *sanzoku* (mountain bandit). Chisei (CHEE-say) An enigmatic kami of the sea.

Fumiko (FOO-mee-koh) A powerful, bitter ronin in Godo's service.

Hidetsugu (hee-DET-soo-goo) The warden of Shinka, the ogre hermitage high in the Sokenzan range. A powerful ogre-mage who serves a great oni.

Higure (HEE-goo-ray) A legendary ninja said to have many lesser ninja in his employ.

Hokori (hoh-KOH-ree) A great kami of dust and drought.

Ichiga (EE-chee-gah) A mighty forest kami residing in the body of a simple monk.

Isao (EE-sow) A skilled samurai who was once in Konda's service but who turned away from the courtly life to seek a deeper wisdom in Jukai Forest.

Ishi-Ishi (ee-shee-EE-shee) A goblin archer made cranky by the presence of kami and the use of kami magic. **Iwamori** (ee-wah-MOHR-ee) Literally, "rock of the woods." A *budoka* eager to prove his fighting skill against any and all challengers.

Jaraku (JAH-rah-koo) A meddlesome kami of manipulations residing in the body of a wizard.

Kaiso (KYE-soh) A protective kami of lingering loyalties residing in the body of a samurai's attendant.

Kaminari (kah-mee-NAH-ree) The great kami of thunder and lightning, whose name means "lightning."

Kentaro (kehn-TAH-roh) A legendary, charismatic samurai who recruits warriors for the daimyo Konda.

Kira (KEE-rah) An infamous kami that can ward itself and others against spells using coatings of magical glass. Kyoki (KYO-kee) A dreaded oni whose gaze induces insanity.

Mannichi (mah-NEE-chee) A mischievous, strange little kami of fevers and hallucinations.

Okiba (oh-KEE-bah) A gang of nezumi known for its abundance of shinobi and ninja.

Oyobi (OY-oh-bee) A great kami of the sky and of winged creatures.

Sakiko (SAH-kee-koh) An orochi shaman who has mastered the art of drawing green mana from her enemies' holdings. Shirei (SHEE-ray) A legendary kami shepherd of the dead, who watches over the disgraced and abandoned battlefield Shizo. Shizuko (SHEE-zoo-koh) A powerful orochi shaman and rival of Sakiko who believes the orochi should be self-sufficient and uninvolved in the kami war.

Toshiro Umezawa (TOH-shee-roh ooh-meh-ZAH-wah) An infamous ochimusha (dishonored warrior) known for his resourcefulness and ambition. Toshiro rose from being a thief struggling to survive in Numai to a major figure in the Kami War. **Yomiji** (YOH-mee-jee) The sacred and revered kami who guards the passage from life into death.

Yukora (YOO-koh-rah) A terrifying, murderous oni that was magically imprisoned for decades by ninety-nine powerful *kannushi* (druid-like priests).

Things

baku (BAH-koo) A benevolent spirit with aspects of a lion and other animals that is fabled to eat the bad dreams of children. During the Kami War, the baku, like all kami, turned hostile, devouring good and bad dreams alike.

garami (gah-RAH-mee) Something that catches or snatches.

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genju (GEHN-joo) A great spirit of the land.

goryo (GOHR-yoh) The disembodied angry spirit of a being.

jitte (JIHT-tay) A parrying weapon that consists of a short metal rod with a tine on one side for deflecting blades.

kanzashi (KAHN-zah-shee) Decorative hairpins.

ki (KEE) The circulating life energy thought to be inherent in all things.

miko (MEE-koh) A shrine attendant.

neko-te (NEH-koh-tay) A ninja weapon favored by *kunoichi* (female assassins) that consists of sharp metal nails that fit over the fingertips. Neko-te were often used to deliver poison.

ninja (NINH-jah) A sneak or spy trained in ninjutsu.

ninjutsu (NINH-joot-soo) Literally, "the way of stealth." Ninjutsu encompassed a collection of methods and tricks geared toward efficient reconnaissance, assassination, and concealment.

reikai (RAY-kye) Another name for the kakuriyo, the realm of the kami.

ronin (ROH-ninh) A masterless samurai.

shinobi (shee-NOH-bee) An assassin.

shoji (SHO-jee) Paper screens used as doors and room dividers.

shuko (SHOO-koh) Ninja "climbing claws." Shuko could be used as weapons in dire circumstances, both for slashing and parrying (catching blades).

shuriken (SHOO-ree-kehn) Ninja "throwing stars." There were many types of these sharpened metal throwing weapons. They were more often used to cover a ninja's escape (like a thrown caltrop) than as a ranged weapon.

tora (TOH-rah) A tiger.

yojimbo (yoh-JIHM-boh) A bodyguard.

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

by Henry Stern, Betrayers of Kamigawa lead developer

Here is a little secret for anyone who wants to lead the development of a **Magic: The Gathering**® expansion: the easiest way to develop a great set is to have a great set handed off to you from design. Those of us on the *Betrayers of Kamigawa* team were fortunate indeed that the design team handed us such a nice, well-rounded collection of cards and themes. So kudos to Mike Elliott and Randy Buehler, the designers of the *Betrayers of Kamigawa* set. While I will talk about developing many of the mechanics in the set, it was really their work that we were simply "fine tuning." This set, unlike many, required no major overhauls once development started, and that certainly makes our job as developers easier. We were able to spend our time touching up and building on what was already there, rather than tearing things down to start anew.

That's not to say that everything was perfect when we started development. The second set in any block is often in an awkward position, as we have to expand upon all of the themes that were introduced in the first set. In this case, that meant new flipping "heroes," new Arcane spells, new splice cards, new Spirits, new Samurai, new kitsune, new soratami, new nezumi, new akki, new orochi, and of course, new legendary creatures. To complicate matters, many of Kamigawa's creature types carry some mechanical baggage with them. For example, every Samurai needs to have the bushido ability, and every Moonfolk needs to have a "return-a-land" ability, making it difficult to come up with new twists on these types of cards. Once you get through doing variations on all of the preexisting themes, there's not much room left over for anything new!

'Totally Sweet"

Even with these constraints, the set has lots of cool new things going on. The most important new mechanic is ninjutsu, and it appears (not surprisingly) on every creature with the Ninja subtype. We knew we were going to do Ninja in the block when we were first laying out the groundwork for the *Champions of Kamigawa* set, and the decision was made to hold off on them until the *Betrayers of Kamigawa* set so that we could get them right. Well, here they are! I will never forget that first *Betrayers of Kamigawa* playtest, which was the first time I used ninjutsu (then called "sneak"). My opponent's jaw dropped when my Ninja damaged him, and I just sat there smiling. It was a perfect **Magic** "A-ha!" moment.

Originally, the Ninja in the set were going to be 33% Rats, 33% Moonfolk, and 33% Human. While the Rats and the Humans made it through development, we were just unable to physically fit a Moonfolk (with its associated rules baggage) and a Ninja (with its rules *and* reminder text) on the same card. So sadly, there are no Moonfolk Ninjas.

Illus. Dan Scott



Large and in Charge

Another fun new mechanic in the set appears on the five rare patron kami. These "gods," as they were originally known, have an ability called offering that lets you sacrifice a creature of the race that "worships" them to play them for less and whenever you could play an instant. Originally the offering ability was the only ability each patron kami had; we added a second ability to each of them later to complement its race's flavor.

My favorite patron kami is Patron of the Orochi. Not only is it easy to play, since many of its Snake worshippers also produce mana, but you can use its activated ability and attack with it on the same turn. And what an ability it is! With a bunch of Snake Shamans and Forests in play, you can easily generate upwards of twenty mana a turn!

The Payoff Pitch

We knew the patron kami and the Ninja would be popular, but we felt the set needed some exciting spells to really liven it up. For inspiration, we turned to an old friend: pitch cards (cards that you can play by "pitching" away another card from your hand instead of paying mana). Pitch cards have a very special place in **Magic** history. The first five from the *Alliances*TM set were very popular, including the famous Force of Will, a card whose power makes it one of the most loved *and* hated spells of all time. The *Mercadian Masques*TM block introduced a handful of new pitch cards—including Cave-In and Reverent Mantra—that were also well received. And now, the *Betrayers of Kamigawa* set continues that tradition.



You may remove a black card with converted mana cost X in your hand from the game rather than pay Sickening Shoal's mana cost. Target creature gets -X/-X until end of turn.

As developers, we felt the weight of history upon us and wanted to make sure that these cards were powerful and interesting, would appeal to both casual and competitive players, and had a new twist. The design team came up with the idea of pitch spells with X in the cost, so it was up to the development team to make sure we had the right five abilities. I am happy to report that we succeeded. Among our playtesters,

Shining Shoal became known as "the white Fireball." Given the right opening hand, Blazing Shoal can lead to first-turn kills (see the sidebar on page 13). And Sickening Shoal is one of the best black removal spells ever.

One interesting thing about the new pitch spells is that they all have the Arcane subtype. There's nothing quite like playing one of these cards for free while splicing another Arcane card on to it. Add a "spiritcraft" creature or two into the mix and you can have some crazy things going on!

Land a Punch

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for lands that can become creatures. From Mishra's Factory to Treetop Village to Blinkmoth Nexus, I have enjoyed them all. The *Betrayers of Kamigawa* set introduces a new twist on these: the Genju enchantments. These enchantments are unique in that they each can be played on only one specific type of basic land. (For example, Genju of the Spires can only be played on a Mountain.) Once the land is enchanted, you can pay 2 to turn it into a real beater: Genju of the Spires becomes a 6/1, while Genju of the Falls becomes a 3/2 flier. What's more, if the land is destroyed, the enchantment returns to your hand. Simply play it on one of your other basic lands, and you're ready to serve again!

Just to keep things interesting, we threw in a rare five-color Genju enchantment that can turn a land into a ridiculous 8/12 monstrosity. Its name? Genju of the Realm.

And there's more! The Betrayers of Kamigawa set has more exciting Genju of the Fall cards and features than I could ever hope to cover here. There's a new keyword for creatures that specialize in blocking: defender. There are new Equipment cards that represent a variety of Ninja weapons. There are Humans that house Spirits within them. Check out the card encyclopedia, then try out the cards for yourself. I hope you enjoy playing with Betrayers of Kamigawa cards as much as we enjoyed creating them for you.

THE TEN COOLEST BETRAYERS OF

1. Ink-Eyes, Servant of Oni

All the Ninja in the Betrayers of Kamigawa set are tricky, but Ink-Eyes combines that sneakiness with brutality. Use creature destruction and discard spells to fill up your opponents' graveyards, then smash in with Ink-Eyes to steal the once-dead creatures for yourself! Ninjutsu lets you sneak Ink-Eyes through to hammer your opponents when they least expect it. And once this beefy 5/4 regenerator is on the board, they'll run out of blockers in a hurry. Oyobi Who Split the Heavens

2. Ovobi. Who Split the Heavens

White decks often feature swarms of powerful flying creatures. What if you could pack that whole fleet into one card? With Oyobi in play, you can easily create an unstoppable squadron of 3/3 fliers. Every Spirit or Arcane spell you playfrom the lowly 1/1 Lantern Kami to the legendary Yosei, the Morning Star-will give you a 3/3 flier along with it. You'll soon be calling it "Oyobi, Who Split My Opponents."

3. Genju of the Realm

In the spirit of awesome cards like Sliver Queen and Cromat comes Genju of the Realm, a five-color finisher that just cannot be killed. Once you've played Genju of the Realm, you can turn the land it enchants into an enormous 8/12 trampler for just two mana! Even if your opponent finds a Dark Banishing to knock it down, just pull the enchantment right back to your hand and play it again.

4. Sway of the Stars

If blue doesn't like what you're doing, it tries to stop you. Blue has had access to counterspells since the beginning of time. In the Champions of Kamigawa set, it gained the ability to stop time itself. And now, if the game isn't going well, blue can start the entire game over with both players at 7 life. Plus, if you have access to more than ten mana, you can float some and use it after you draw vour new hand!

5. Patron of the Nezumi

Quick and vicious, the nezumi ratfolk of Kamigawa form a fearsome, if squeaky, army. Now your rats have a deity worthy of their-and youradmiration. Just wait until your opponent is about to destroy one of your Rats, either with a spell or combat damage, then sacrifice that Rat to play the 6/6 Patron for just three or four mana, and let the real beatings begin-

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way of the Stars

by Devin Low, Betayers of Kamigawa developer

KAMIGAWA CARDS

6. Shining Shoal

Shining Shoal speaks white's message of "Don't mess with me or my stuff . . . or else!" When your opponent tries to burn one of your creatures, just say, "Don't you mean you want to burn . . . yourself?" Or if you're attacked by a creature, just say, "Don't you mean your creature attacks . . . itself?" And since Shining Shoal can be played for free, your defenses are always up.

7. Genju of the Spires

The famous 6/1 Ball Lightning was feared all over the world for its ability to inflict huge amounts of damage in a hurry. Genju of the Spires turns any Mountain you controlled at the beginning of the turn into a 6/1 red creature that can attack immediately, for the same cheap cost of just three mana. If an opponent manages to kill your 6/1, just put the enchantment back in your hand and do it all over again.

8. Kira, Great Glass-Spinner

This legendary Spirit may only be a 2/2, but its awesome ability makes it one of the most powerful creatures in the set. With Kira in play, each of your creatures gains a "protective shield" that counters the first spell or ability that targets it each turn. Your army will be somewhere between frustrating and impossible to stop.

9. Budoka Pupil / Ichiga, Who Topples Oaks

For three mana, the vanilla 2/2 Budoka Pupil is nothing to get excited about. But Ichiga, Who Topples Oaks—a 4/3 trampler with a very special ability—now *there's* a creature! You can remove a counter from Ichiga to give any creature a +2/+2 boost, so just make sure to play a lot of Spirit and Arcane spells before he "levels up". A ki-charged Ichiga will ensure your army wins combat every time.

10. Heartless Hidetsugu

Hidetsugu is one mean ogre—he can deal 15 damage in just two turns! First halve your opponent's life total, then halve it again. He'll damage you a lot too, but no one ever said ogres follow directions! For an especially nasty trick, double his damage with Overblaze. If your opponent has any even amount of life (like 100) and you have any odd amount (even just 1), you win the game!

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12) Akki Blizzard-Herder



Creature - Goblin Shaman × When Akki Blizzard-Herder is put into a graveyard from play, each player sacrifices a land.

"It remains unclear whether the akki shamans could in fact create storms or simply predicted them." ---The History of Kamigawa

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Whenever a land is put into a graveyard from play, Akki Raider gets +1/+0 until end of turn.

Akki were very torritorial, attacking and destroying any settlements that came too closs to their mountain homes. The more successfu their raids, the bokker they became. 2/1



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Ashen Monstrosity attacks each turn if able. There was a dull thunder at the vanguard, then shocked cries in the midst of the column. Moments later, Takada, last of the rearguard, faced the kami alone.

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Each enchantment deals 2 damage to its controller, then each enchantment enchanting a creature deals 2 damage to the creature it's enchanting.



Whenever you play a Spirit or Arcane spell, you may put a ki counter on Baku Altar. 2, c, Remove a ki counter from Baku Altar: Put a 1/1 colorless Spirit creature token into play.



Sacrifice Bile Urchin: Target player loses 1 life.

"The two youths argued and tempers flared. One youth opened his mouth to utter a vile curse, but what he spat out instead was a karmi of poison and filth." —Sensei Golden-Tail

- Dany Orizio



1, Remove X ki counters from Blademane Baku: For each counter removed, Blademane Baku gets +2/+0 until end of turn. 1/1





You may play Blessing of Leeches any time you could play an instant At the beginning of your upkeep, you lose 1 life. 0: Regenerate enchanted creature.

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Equipped creature has "Unattach Blinding Powder: Prevent all combat damage that would be dealt to this creature this turn." Equip 2 (2: Attach to target creating you control. Equip only as a sorcery.)

Body of Juka Creature - Spirit Trample

Soulshift 8 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return target Spirit card with converted mar cost 8 or less from your graveyard to your hand.) 8/5





as an additional cost to play Call or Blood, sacrifice a creature. Target creature gets -X/-X until end of turn, where X is the sacrificed creature's power.

Carl Critenburg



Jaraku the Interloper

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Sacrifice Child of Thorns: Target creature gets +1/+1 until end of rurn. "The soratamis scoff at the perits of Jukei, calling the forest an 'unruly gorden." Parkaps we should send them a rose such as this." —Dokai, Weaver of Life



At the beginning of your upkeep, sacrifice Chisei, Heart of Oceans unless you remove a counter from a permanent you control.

Cavotta 4/4



All Spirits have "When this creature comes into play, you may have it deal 3 damage to target non-Spirit creature." All non-Spirit creatures have "When this creature comes into play, you may have it deal 3 damage to target Spirit."

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Each player sacrifices a permanent. "As the war progressed, the destruction the kami caused became more widespread and less predictable." —Observations of the Kami War

workfayne Roynolds



Fear Soulshift 5 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return target Spirit card with converted mana cost 5 or less from your graveyard to your hand.)

Martina Pilvergya





Azamuki, Treachery Incarnate Remove a le counce from Azamuki, Insec restory incarnie: Cain control of unger creature until cont of turn. Legendary Creature – Spirit Legendary Creature – Spirit



Normally, **Magic** developers are very conscious of making sure that decks can't win too quickly; otherwise the game isn't fun. Shuffle, shuffle, shuffle, "You're dead" isn't anyone's idea of a good time!

But once in a while a mix of cards exists that allows the game to be won as early as turn one. R&D spends a lot of time debating whether they want such a thing to exist in the current play environment, then acts accordingly. In the case of Blazing Shoal, they decided to let it go.

Blazing Shoal is a variation on the card Enrage from the *Eighth Edition* core set, except it lets you "pitch" a red card to set the value of X instead of paying mana. To maximize the effect, you'll want to pitch very expensive red cards, like the ten-mana Myojin of Infinite Rage from the *Champions of Kamigawa* set or the nine-mana Furnace Dragon from the *Darksteel*TM set. And to pull off the combo kill as fast as possible, you need a creature that can attack on the first turn, such as Raging Goblin from the *Eighth Edition* core set.

So while an opening hand of Mountain, Raging Goblin, two copies of Blazing Shoal, Myojin of Infinite Rage, and Furnace Dragon is capable of killing on turn one, the odds of drawing such a hand are so low that R&D still felt safe making the card. Will they regret it? Time will tell. But if someone plays a Raging Goblin against you, hold your breath!

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You may remove a blue card with converted mana cost X in your hand from the game rather than pay Disrupting Shoal's mana cost. Counter target spell if its converted mana cost is X.

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Empty-Shrine Kannushi has protection from the colors of permanents you control. "Crease the folds, bend the paper, turn the spirits, shield the soul."



Reveal the top X cards of your library. Put all creature cards revealed this way into your hand and the rest on the bottom of your library in any order. "The race is run in the mind before the first step is taken." --Doson the Falling Leaf



Remove target nonblack creature from the game. Search its controller's graveyard, hand, and library for all cards with the same name as that creature and remove them from the game. That player then shuffles his or her library.

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Mark Zug



Remove all creatures from the game. "The clashing warriors turned to face O-Kagachi, the greatest kami, and their sigh of awe uses their last breach." —Great Battles of Kamigawa



First Volley deals 1 damage to target creature and 1 damage to that creature's controller. "We searched their bodies for signs of the blades that had hilled them, but found nothing more than scoreda fisch." —Tender-Hond, kitsune header



Flames of the Blood Hand deals 4 damage to target player. The damage can't be prevented. If that player would gain life this turn, that player gains no life instead. Many opens extracted blood oaths from the oni they summound. Others simply extracted blood.

- Aleksi Brictor



Flying 2, Return a land you control to its owner's hand: Tap target land. "Such a small thing, a drop of water...

"Such a small thing, a drop of water ... And yet enough of them together can flood a field, cleanse a mire, or choke a forest." Itubar



Soulshift 4, soulshift 4 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return up to two target Spirit cards with converted mana cost 4 or less from your graveyard to your hand.) even on a 4/4







Fumiko the Lowblood has bushido X, where X is the number of attacking creatures. (When this blocks or becomes blocked, it gets +X+X until end of turn.) Creatures your opponents control attack each turn if able.

Michael Suttin 3/2





2: Enchanted Island becomes a 3/2 blue Spirit creature with flying until end of turn. It's still a land. When enchanted Island is put into a graveyard, you may return Genju of the Falls from your graveyard to your hand.



2: Until end of turn, enchanted Swamp becomes a 2/2 black Spirit creature with "@ This creature gets +1/41 until end of turn." It's still a land. When enchanted Swamp is put into a graveyard, you may return Genju of the Fens from your graveyard to your hand.

Jagtomu Khwage



2: Until end of turn, enchanted Plains becomes a 2/5 white Spirit creature with "Whenever this creature deals damage, you gain that much hife." It's still a land. When enchanted Plains is put into a graveyard, you may return Genju of the Fields from your graveyard to your hand.

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Goblin Cohort can't attack unless you've played a creature spell this turn.

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2: Enchanted land becomes a legendary 8/12 Spirit creature with trample until end of turn. It's still a land. When enchanted land is put into a graveyard, you may return Genju of the Realm from your graveyard to your hand.



When enchanted Mountain is put into a graveyard, you may return Genju of the Spires from your graveyard to your hand.



On the fifty-seventh day of the Battle f Silk, the bell again tolled in hopes of unmoning mortal aid. This time, a ne reed of kami rose to answer its call." –Great Battles of Kamigawa 3/3



Akki shells provided good protection when downhill charging became headlong tumbling.



Legendary Land e: Add 1 to your mana poo When Gods' Eye, Gate to the Reikai is put into a graveyard from play, put a I/I colorless Spirit creature token into play. Listen at its walls and you will hear the whispers of gods.

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Heartless Hidetsugu

Legendary Creature - Ogre Shaman

•: Heartless Hidetsugu deals to each player damage equal to half that player's life total, rounded down.

Hidetsugu held over a dozen oni in blood oath. At his touch, rocks scorched. At his word, cities burned.



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ion from non-Spirit creat Soulshift 4 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return target Spirit card with converted mana cost 4 or less from your graveyard to your id.

2/1



Prevent all damage that would be dealt to and dealt by enchanted creature.

"There is a shining in the mortal heart that even the kami cannot reach." —Sensei Golden-Tail





you control to hand: Put this economic hand tapped and attack Whenever Higure deals combat damage a player, you may search your library for Ninja card, reveal it, and put it into your hand. If you do, shuffle your library. Target Ninja is unblockable this

3/4



Arnie Sweltel .





"What will it say on our graves, Lord Konda? Will it say we led our world to conquer immortal forces or that we were crushed by our own arrogance? At each defat, I wonden." —Sensei Hisoka, letter to Lord Konda fictions and the second second





nonnack creature. Splice onto Arcane — Remove four cards in your graveyard from the game. (As you play an Arcane spell, you may receal this card from your hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell, leksi krichir 19



Target creature gets +1/+0 and gains first strike until end of turn. Splice onto Areane—Tap an untapped white creature you control. (As you play an Areane spell, you may reused this card from your hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.)

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until end or turn. "In desperation, Konda sent exerriors to parley with the oper-magi. No one knows whether they are staughtered at Shinha or if they even reached its blockstantet welds." - Observations of the Karni War



Bushido 1 (When this blocks or becomes blocked, it gets +1/+1 until end of turn.) blocket, it gets +1/+1 and one of unity Whenever a Samurai you control is put into a graveyard from play, you may put a +1/+1 counter on Indebted Samurai. "Forgive me, Saburo. I could not save you. But your blade will not rest in my hand," 2/3



a 3 \$ \$ (3 \$ \$, Return an unit you control to hand: Put this can rr you control to hand: Put this eard in on your hand tapped and attacking.) ever Ink-Eyes, Servant of Oni deals ut damage to a player, you may put creature card from that player's ard into play under your control.

nolds 5/4



Ire of Kaminari deals damage to target creature or player equal to the number of Arcane cards in your graveyard. "Thumder broke the brittle silence over the Araba. A surge of raw energy lifted the soldier's body into the air and briefly, in the heart of the fash, he saw the face of a god." —Great Battles of Kamigawa



o, Enlightened Bushi can't be counte Bushido 2 (When this blocks or become blocked, it gets +2/+2 until end of norn.) 2: Regenerate target Samurai. "I do not care if he claims no alleg war. Find him, Taheno." --Lord Konda 2/1



Whenever an opponent plays a Spirit or Arcane spell, Ishi-Ishi, Akki Crackshot deals 2 damage to that player. "Here fell Ishi-Ishi, King of the Flan Pobbles, Scourge of the Mountain Ke Lover of Goats. May his shell never —Cave inscription

1/1



Trample

When Iwamori of the Open Fist comes into play, each opponent may put a legendary creature card from his or her hand into play. 5/5



Fly sever Jetting Glasskite becomes the of a spell or ability for the first time arn, counter that spell or ability. When target in a tu The bolt struck with a flash and there was a terrible sound, as of glass shattering, but the creature same unharmed

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Kami of the Honored Dead 3**





When it's finished, all that's left of you is a ripple on a still pond. 0/3



"Across the rift of battle, a bridge of gossamer. And for one moment, it holds." —Snow-Fur, kitsune poet 1/1



It remembered all the shadows lantern-east upon its paper wings, and sometim those silhouettes played across its shape again, acting out silent tragedies. 2/5



Flying Whenever Kami of the Honored Dead is dealt damage, you gain that much life. Soulshift 6 (When this is put into a graceyard from play, you may ration target Spirit card eath constraint and name cost 6 or less from your graceyard to your hand.) 3/5









Kodama of the Center Tree 4 🛠

Legendary Creature - Spirit

Kodama of the Center Tree's power and toughness are each equal to the number of Spirits you control. Kodama of the Center Tree has soulshift X, where X is the number of Spirits you control.





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library for a legendary Spirit card put it into play. Then shuffle your library. "The husk splits like a madman's smile And mystery steps forth." —Snow-Fur, kitsune poet

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You control enchanted creature. At end of turn, if you control no Demons, sacrifice Mark of the Oni. "As more oni walked Kamigawa, more darkness infested its inhabitants' souls." —The History of Kamigawa

Heather Hudson



Kumano's Blessing

If a creature dealt damage by enchanted creature this turn would be put into a graveyard, remove it from the game instead.



Puolo Parente 6/4



Lifegift



ever you play a Spirit or Arcane lay put a land card from your ha lay tapped. brow its mood by the plants that sprin and it. When it is placid, fields of liher its wake, when it is angry, every ster down? "You k

ightened Bush 2/2



d of tu , refy in his reign, Konda fell ill. His head ned with fever, and he saw visions of his re. In them, he saw a spirit-child, and, in child's eyes, a way to make his empire last The History of Kamigawa

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Enchanted creature has "Whenever this creature deals combat damage to a player, add that much \clubsuit to your mana pool. This mana doesn't cause mana burn. Until end of turn, this mana doesn't empty from your mana pool as phases end."



•: Matsu-Tribe Sniper deals 1 damage to target creature with flying. Whenever Matsu-Tribe Sniper deals damage to a creature, tap that creature and it doesn't untap during its controller's next untap step. 1/1



Prevent the next 4 damage that would be dealt to target creature or player this turn.

"I can staunch their blood, mend their flesh, and knit their bones. But I cannot restore their hope." —Tender-Hand, kitsune healer



X, C: Target creature with power X or less is unblockable this turn. Woven from threads of the spirit world, the mistcloak rendered its wearer invisible, but quickly fell to tatters. 1/2



Counter target spell. That spell's controller reveals his or her hand, then discards each card with the same name as a card spliced onto that spell. Like storm water through the segments of bamboo, the spell followed the links of magic. Then it destroyed them.



The "legend rule" doesn't apply. Only in mirrors do heroes find their equal.



njutsu 4 (4, Return an unbloc teker you control to hand: Put th l into play from your hand tapp eking.)

inner, Mistblade Shinobi deals nbat damage to a player, you m im target creature that player ttrols to its owner's hand. 1/1



Sacrifice Moonlit Strider: Target creature you control gains protection from the color of your choice until end of turn. Soulshift 3 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return target Spirit card with converted manac cost 3 or less from your graveyard to your hand.) 1/4



Thenever equipped creature deals dam o a creature, tap that creature. As long o Neko-Te remains in play, that creatu pesn't untap during it's controller's un Wheney to a pla ver equipped creature deals damag

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"The Okiba Gang! Night-cursed thieves and assassins! I've had enough of their meddling! Triple the guard!" ---Marrow-Gnawer

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Ninjutsu 1 & (1 &, Return an unblocked attacker you control to hand: unblocked attacker you control to hand: Put this card into play from your hand tapped and attacking.) Whenever Ninja of the Deep Hours deals combat damage to a player, you may draw a card. 2/2



You may remove a green card with converted mana cost X in your hand from the game rather than pay Nourishing Shoal's mana cost. You gain X life.



- Ogre Whenever Ogre Marauder attacks, it can't be blocked this turn unless defending player sacrifices a creature

Once freed, the oni demanded more and more sacrifices to appease them. The ogres happily obliged. Adam Res 3/1



Whenever a player plays a spell, tap Ogre Recluse.

"Those ogres who did not embrace oni worship were cast out, cursed, and forced into hermitage, vasiting for the day the oni would come for then." ---The History of Kamigawa 5/4



Ninjutsu 3 & (3 &, Return an unblocked attacker you control to hand: Put this card into play from your hand tapped and attacking.) Whenever Okiba-Gang Shinobi deals combat damage to a player, that player discards two cards.

- Mark Big - 3/2



Legendary Creature — Fox Samurai The Bushido 1; defender (This creature can't

★: The next time a source of your choice would deal damage this turn, that damage is dealt to Opal-Eye, Konda's Yojimbo instead. I ★: Prevent the next I damage that would be dealt to Opal-Eye this turn. 1/4



Permanents come into play tapped. "Behind the eyelids, a flickering flame. Beneath the dream, a flickering sorrow. Can peace fird you in this sleep When all the world is tossed by war?" —Snow-Fur, kitsune poet

Bany Orizin





2, • Target opponent removes the top card of his or her library from the game. You may play that card this turn Masako was privy to a great many of Konda's deepest secrets, and her hair was ahways perfect.



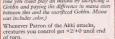
Each time target permanent would deal damage to a creature or player this turn, it deals double that damage to that creature or player instead.

Splice onto Arcane 2 2 (As you play an Arcane spell, you may reveal this card from your hand and pay is splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.)



Whenever you play a Spirit or Arcane spell, put a 3/3 white Spirit creature token with flying into play. Her angry call split the sky. From that rift descended her champions. 3/6 Jaristopher Moeller





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Patron of the Kitsune 4** Legendary Creature - Spirit Fox offering (You may play this card are time you could play an instant by sacrificing a fee and paying the difference in mana costs between this and the sacrifical Fox. Mana cost includes color.) Whenever a creature attacks, you may gain 1 life.

Ben Thoma



1: Put up to two land cards from your hand into play tapped. 5/4



Rat offering (You may play this card any time you could play an instant by scarificing a Rat and paying the difference in mana cost between this and the scarified Rat Mana cost includes color.) Whenever a permanent is put into an opponent's graveyard, that player loses 1 hile.

Key Walker 5 6/6



Legendary Creature — Spirit

- Snake offering (You may play this card any time you could play an instant by sacrificing Snake and paying the difference in mana cos bosteven this and the sucrificed Snake. Mana cost includes color.)
- •: Untap all Forests and all green crea Play this ability only once each turn.

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Whenever you play a Spirit or Arcane spell, you may put a ki counter on Petalmane Baku. 1, Remove X ki counters from Petalmane Baku: Add X mana of any one color to your mana pool. 1/2



Sacrifice Phantom Wings: Return enchanted creature to its owner's hand. Many kami could fly, which put some warriors at a distinct disadvantage. The mages of Minamo took it upon themselv correct that imbalance.



Target player reveals his or her hand. Choose a Spirit or Arcane card from it. That player discards that card. "The wizards of Takenuma Swamp faced the horrors of humanity every day. It's no wonder they fared so well against the kam —Observations of the Kami War

Ron Spears



*, Sacrifice Pus Kami: Destroy target ack creature Soulshift 6 (When this is put into a graveyard from play, you may return targe Spirit card with converted mana cost 6 or less from your graveyard to your hand.)

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Counter target instant or sorcery spell. Search its controller's graveyard, hand, and library for all cards with the same name as that spell and remove them from the game. That player then shuffles his or her library.





Whenever you play a Spirit or Arcano nay put a ki counter on you may pi nane Baku. Quill: 1, e, Remove X ki counters from Quillmane Baku: Return target creature with converted mana cost X or less to its owner's hand.

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Return all artifacts and enchantment to their owners' hands.

"This world is a dream. We cling to our toys like children, but sooner or later we must learn to live without them." —Sensei Hisoka



w a card for each Spirit you control. Dro

"If wisdom is a river, then we cup our hand reach in, and drink from it in sips. The kam however, are like fish, swimming, breathing, surrounded in its presence." ---Dosan the Falling Leaf nds



Whenever a creature you control deals combat damage to a player, add that much & to your mana pool. This mana doesn't cause mana burn. Until end oft turn, this mana doesn't empty from your mana pool as phases end.

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At the beginning of your upkeep, you lose 2 life if you don't control an Ogre "Where a once-proud human city stood, only the ruins of Numai remain, deep an rotting bamboo and plagued by oni." -- The History of Kamigawa

Addin Sweeter





If you control a Forest, each blocked creature gets +2/+2 until end of turn. Splice onto Arcane—An opponent gains 5 life. (As you play an Arcane spell, you may reveal this card from yo hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.)



Bushido 1 (When this blocks or become blocked, it gets +1/+1 until end of turn.) Whenever Ronin Cliffrider attacks, you may have it deal 1 damage to each creature defending player controls. 2/2



Equipped creature gets +2/+1. Whenever a creature comes into play under your control, attach Ronin Warclub to that creature. Equip 5 (5: Attach to target creatur you control. Equip only as a sorcery.) Pete Venters



At the beginning of your upkeep, add \clubsuit to your mana pool. This mana doesn't cause mana burn. Until end of turn, this mana doesn't empty from your mana pool as phases end. 2/4



Scaled Hulk



Remove target enchantment from the game. Search its controller's graveyard, hand, and library for all cards with the same name as that enchantment and remove them from the game. That player then shuffles his or her library.

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Fying Whenever Shimmering Glasskite becomes the target of a spell or ability for the first time in a turn, counter that spell or ability. A child's whitper could crack its shell, but not even an on't scream could petertate th. 2018



You may remove a white card with converted mana cost X in your hand from the game rather than pay Shining Shoal's mana cost. The next X damage that a source of

The next X damage that a source of your choice would deal to you or a creature you control this turn is dealt to target creature or player instead.



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Shirei, Shizo's Caretaker 4.@



Whenever a creature with power 1 or less is put into your graveyard from play, you may return that creature card to play under your control at end of turn if Shirei, Shizo's Caretaker is still in play. 2/2



At the beginning of each player's upkeep, that player adds ****** to his or her mana pool. This mana doesn't cause. mana burn. Until end of turn, this mana doesn't empty from that player's mana pool as phases end.

-Michael Suifin



Equipped creature gets +1/+0. Equip 0 (0: Attack to target oreature you control. Equip only as a sorrery.) "One cereto on a coal meant tag possage, two that the target had atready been raided, and three warned of a trop." —Weaponry of Kamigawa

Tim Hildebrandt



Equipped creature has "e, Unattach Shuriken: Shuriken deals 2 damage to target creature. That creature's controller gains control of Shuriken nulless it was unattached from a Ninja." Equip 2 (2: Attach to target creature you control. Equip only as a soverp.)

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You may remove a black card with converted mana cost X in your hand from the game rather than pay Sickening Shoal's mana cost. Target creature gets -X/-X until end of turn.

Dan Scott



You may play Silverstorm Samurai any time you could play an instant. Bushido 1 (When this blocks or becomes blocked, it gets +1/+1 until end of turn.) — Nichael Sutho 3/3





card into play from your hand tapped and attacking.) Whenever Skullsnatcher deals combat damage to a player, remove up to two target cards in that player's graveyard from the game. MILLYNN 2/1

where X is the discard converted mana cost.



2, Discard a Spirit or Arcane card: Slumbering Tora becomes an X/X artifact creature until end of turn, where X is the discarded card's converted mana cost.

Dong Chatfee





Put two 1/1 green Snake creature tokens into play. Whenever a nontoken Snake comes into play under your control, you may return Sosuke's Summons from your graveyard to your hand.



Remove target nonbasic land from the game. Search its controller's graveyard, hand, and library for all cards with the same name as that land and remove them from the game. That player then shuffles his or her library.

lideaki Takanana



Remove target artifact from the game. Search its controller's graveyard, hand, and library for all cards with the same name as that artifact and remove them from the game. That player then shuffles his or her library.

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"I wish there twere no use for those with my talents. I wish that I could walk Kamigawa forgotten and unneeded, with no war wounds to heal and no broken bones to mend." 1/1



"Your lungs may not draw breath, but while your hands can grip a sword, you will be useful to me." —Nighteyes, nezumi necromancer

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ayer shuffles up to four target m his or her graveyard into his or er library.

"All things waters that to sea, only return to their beginnings. The spill across the Kamitaki Falls flow to be returned to her as the rain the mighty river." the Falling Leaf



Each player shuffles his or her hand, graveyard, and permanents he or she owns into his or her library, then draws seven cards. Each player's life total becomes 7.



Bushido 1 (When this blocks or become blocked, it gets +1/+1 until end of turn.) e: Takeno's Cavalry deals 1 damage to target attacking or blocking Spirit. At night he perfected his aim, shooting spiderwebs by starlight. 1/1



Whenever Takenuma Bleeder attacks or blocks, you lose 1 life if you don't control a Demon. "I prefer to weave my magic through oni blood, but yours will do in a pinch."

Walker 3/3



Whenever you play a Spirit or Arcane spell, you may search your library for an enchant creature card, reveal it, and put it into your hand. If you do, shuffle your library. Isolated on its little candlewick, the kami new heard of the crime that drove its comrades to 1/3



Sacrifice Teardrop Kami: Tap or untap target creature.

"Do not fall into the trap of thinking yo understand the kami. Cannot a drop of water be dew on the meadow, a glacier's thaw, or the tear of a child?" —Sensei Hisoka

1/1



Tendo Ice Bridge comes into play with a charge counter on it. e: Add 1 to your mana pool. •, Remove a charge counter from Tendo Ice Bridge: Add one mana of any color to your mana pool. Rob Alexandez



"The jetweler, the potter, the smith... They all imbue a bit of their souls into their creations. The kumi destroy that crafted mortal shell and absorb the soul within." ---Noboru, master kitemaker





- 4, •: Put a divinity counter on target permanent other than That Which Was per Each permanent with a divinity counter on it is indestructible. "This god held prisoner in human hands has put all humanity in the hands of angry gods." --Masako the Humorless
- Adam Res





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Ninjutsu 2 & (2 &, Return an unblocked attacker you control to hand: Put this card into play from your hand tapped and attacking.) Whenever Throat Slitter deals combat damage to a player, destroy target nonblack creature that player controls. tiolo Parente 2/2



"The war sent Kamigava into turnoil. Here t was spring and there winter. For some, time two still, while for others, moments flashed ast like minous in a pond." —Observations of the Karni War

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If you would draw a card, look at the top three cards of your library instead. Put one of those cards into your hand and the rest on the bottom of your library in any order.

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splice onto Arcane—Sacrifice two mountains. (As you play an Arcane spell, you may reveal this card from you hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.)



When this blocks or becomes ts +1/+1 until end of turn.) a, a get a creature an opponent les is put into a graveyard from you may play target instant card rr graveyard. If that card would b to a graveyard this turn, remove the game instead. 2/2



Defender (This creature can't attack. Traproot Kami's toughness is equal to the number of Forests in play. Traproot Kami may block as though it had flying.

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You and target opponent each gain control of all creatures the other controls until end of turn. Untap those creatures. Those creatures gain haste until end of turn.



enever equipped creature deals combat tage, put two charge counters on ezawa's Jitte. Remove a charge counter from Umezawa's jitte: Choose one — Equipped creature get +2/+2 until end of turn; or target creature -1/-1 until end of turn; or you gain 2 life.

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et creature gets +4/+4 until end of . If it's a Spirit, it gains trample until

"That energy vias once granted to growing things, Now the kami keep it for themselves, releasing it in sudden floods that overwhelm flesh and foliage aike." ---Sakiko, Mother of Summer



Put target land on top of its owner's library

"We arrived at the battlefield too late. Again, Another error on your part, and you will have to answer to me personally." —General Takeno, letter to the imperial mapmaker



get creature is unblockable and can't be target of spells or abilities this turn. Splice onto Arcane—Return a blue creature you control to its owner's hand. (As you play an Arcane spell, you may reveal this card from your hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.)



You gain 3 life Splice onto Arcane 1 (As you play an Arcane spell, you may reveal this card from your hand and pay its splice cost. If you do, add this card's effects to that spell.) Walker of Secret Way n Ninja H tsu 1 4 (1 6, Return an unblocked ter you control to hand: Put this card into rom your hand tapped and attacking.) ever Walker of Secret Ways deals comba ge to a player, look at that player's hand 1.6: Return target Ninja you control to its owner's hand. Play this ability only during

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1 *: The next 1 damage that would be dealt to enchanted creature this turn is dealt to target creature or player instead Reluctant to strike at the kami directly, some kitsune trained in more passive fighting techniques.

- Tim Hildebrandt



-Gree Hildebrandt



"As I died, I rejoiced. I would see my family again. But then I woke up back on the battlefield. Back in Kamigawa. Back in hell." —Kenzo the Hardhearted 4/4

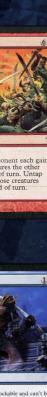
schulo 5/5

- Demon Spirit

ra, the Prisoner leaves play, non-Ogre creatures you co nety-nine monks to weave the spell sed Yukora. Upon the death of the ne, the spell was broken, and the utmed to the mortal world seeking s for its imprisonment.

Yukora, the Prisoner

Legendary Creature



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YES CARD CHECKLIST

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	00	4	R	Final Judgment	oà	64	С	Cr
	00	5	U	Genju of the Fields	οä	65	U	Er
	00	6	С	Heart of Light	co	66	U	Ge
	00	7	R	Hokori, Dust Drinker	00	67	R	Go
	00.	8	С	Hundred-Talon Strike	DO	68	R	He
	00	9	U	Indebted Samurai	0ä	69	U	Hi
	0D	10	С	Kami of False Hope	CO	70	С	Ho
	00	11	С	Kami of Tattered Shoji	DO.	71	R	Ink
	O	12	U	Kami of the Honored Dead	DO	72	R	Ky
	00		R	Kentaro, the Smiling Cat	DO	73	U	Ma
	00	14	U	Kitsune Palliator	0Ö	74	U	Ne
	00	15	C	Mending Hands	CO	75	U	Og
	00	16	C	Moonlit Strider	00	76	C	Ok
	00	17	R	Opal-Eye, Konda's Yojimbo	CO	77	R	Pa
	00	18	R	Oyobi, Who Split the Heavens	00	78	С	Psy
	00		R	Patron of the Kitsune	00	.79	U	Pu
	00	20	U	Scour	CO	80	U	Sci
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	00	22	С	Silverstorm Samurai	DO 1		R	Sic
	00	23	C	Split-Tail Miko	00	83	С	Ski
	00	24	C	Takeno's Cavalry	OD	84		Ski
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בכ	92	U	Akki Raider
בכ	93	U	Ashen Monstrosity
בכ	94	U	Aura Barbs
םכ	95	С	Blademane Baku
בכ	96	R	Blazing Shoal
DO			Clash of Realities
במ	98	С	Crack the Earth
D	99	U	Cunning Bandit
00	100	С	First Volley
DQ	101	U	Flames of the Blood Hand
במ	102	С	Frost Ogre
	103	C	Frostling
	104	\mathbf{R}^*	Fumiko the Lowblood
	105	U	Genju of the Spires
	106	С	Goblin Cohort
	107	R	Heartless Hidetsugu
Ď	108	R	In the Web of War
DD	109	С	Ire of Kaminari
D	110	R	Ishi-Ishi, Akki Crackshot
במ	111	С	Kumano's Blessing
	112	R	Mannichi, the Fevered Dre
Ċ	113	U	Ogre Recluse
D	114	U	Overblaze
D	115	R	Patron of the Akki
במ	116	U	Ronin Cliffrider
	117	С	Shinka Gatekeeper
			Sowing Salt
D	119	С	Torrent of Stone
D	120	R	Twist Allegiance

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00	121	U	Body of Jukai
oa	122	U	Budoka Pupil
00	123	С	Child of Thorns
Où	124	R	Enshrined Memories
00	125	U	Forked-Branch Garami
00	126	U	Genju of the Cedars
00	127	С	Gnarled Mass
OD	128	С	Harbinger of Spring
OD	129	R	Isao, Enlightened Bushi
0D	130	R	Iwamori of the Open Fist
Ó	131	R	Kodama of the Center Tre
0D	132	R	Lifegift
00	133	U	Lifespinner
0D	134	U	Loam Dweller
00	135	U	Mark of Sakiko
00	136	С	Matsu-Tribe Sniper
οb	137	R	Nourishing Shoal
OD	138	R	Patron of the Orochi
00	139	С	Petalmane Baku
00	140	С	Roar of Jukai
00	141	R	Sakiko, Mother of Summe
OD	142	С	Sakura-Tribe Springcaller
00	143	С	Scaled Hulk
00	144	R	Shizuko, Caller of Autumn
00	145	U	Sosuke's Summons
00	146	U	Splinter
00	147	С	Traproot Kami
00	148	U	Unchecked Growth
OD	149	С	Uproot
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CC	153	U	Blinding Powder
) D	154	R	Mirror Gallery
DD	155	R	Neko-Te
CC	156	R	Orb of Dreams
Ъ	157	R	Ornate Kanzashi
			Ronin Warclub

□ 159 U Shuko
 □ 160 U Shuriken
 □ 161 R Slumbering Tora
 □ 162 R That Which Was Taken
 <u>□ 163 R Umezawa's Jitte</u>

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- ○□ 164 U Gods' Eye, Gate to the Reikai
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